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GOD'S LOVE

When I Walk The
Streets of Gold

The burdens of life may be many,
The frowns of the world may be cold,
To me it will matter but little,
When I walk up the streets of gold.
Earth's sorrows will all be forgotten,
And I shall be safe in His fold,
Shut in with my Lord and His angels,
When I walk up the streets of gold.
There the storms never beat, and the surges never
roll,—
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
There no death ever enters, there no sorrows reach
the soul;
What a great, glad day that will be.

—Gospel Herald.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

Aug. 29, 1936

Notices

COME ON TENNESSEE

EVANGEL

In checking over the number of Evangels that go out in subscriptions and rolls I find that Tennessee is now getting almost 10 per cent of them. In other words we are buying nearly one-tenth of all the Evangels being sold. Just one more unanimous pull over the state and I believe we will be ahead of any of the states. Come on quickly. Send me at least one subscription right away.

REPORTS

Be sure to send in your annual report to the General Secretary Sept. 15th. Also remember to send me a postal card as soon as you mail the report, giving date it was mailed. Let's have a report from every church in the state.

THE ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is almost here and we want every preacher in the state and as many members and friends as possible to attend. It is the duty of every church to see to it that your pastor gets to attend the Assembly. I am expecting this to be the greatest Assembly we have ever had. Don't fail to come.

PRAYER

Every minister and member of the church should do lots of praying from now until the Assembly. Pray for the officials and for the Assembly in general. There will be a great responsibility in placing the ministers for another year. I believe if we will fast and pray as we should God will help us to be, as was said of Gideon's army, "Every man in his place." PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, and come to the Assembly expecting God's blessings upon us.—Yours in the Master's service, M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

Brother J. F. Lowe has started a tent meeting at Hinlawson, W. Va. and the devil is surely mad. The Lord is blessing. Four have been saved, four sanctified, that I know of, and the meeting has been running only five nights. Saints, pray for Brother Lowe and this meeting, that souls will go through. I would like to see a church set in order up there. Pray for me, that I will ever be humble. Pray for home and unsaved friends. I also have an unspoken request.—Minnie Bennett, 31 Godby St., Logan, W. Va.

We had a real, old-time, Holy Ghost revival here at Charlotte, N. C. Brother D. B. Yow did the preaching and God

surely burned the messages into the hearts of the people. About thirty-five were converted, fifteen sanctified, and about twelve received the Holy Ghost, and fifteen united with the church.

To our friends who want to listen to our regular broadcast service: We have two each week—Sunday, 3:30 p. m. E. S. T., from the church, and Thursday, 2:15 p. m., from the studio. Tune in at 1210 on your dial. If you want to be in an old-time holiness meeting, come on over. We are planning on having the baptismal service the first Sunday in September and we will broadcast this right from the creek. Remember the date—the first Sunday in September. Plan now to come and be in this service with us. If you can't come, tune in at 3:30 p. m., E. S. T.—W. T. Nelson, pastor.

Hurrah For Missouri

LARGEST STATE OFFERING FOR ORPHANS IN HISTORY. ALSO LARGE MISSION OFFERING

Missouri raised what they called a "Sacrifice Offering for Orphans"—cash \$160.01; quilts, linens, supplies, etc., conservatively estimated at \$220.85, making a total of \$380.86.

Ohio is next to highest with \$115.00.

The mission spirit also caught fire in the "show me" state. The total offering of \$165.77 reached fifth place, only being surpassed by South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and North Carolina.

This has been our greatest year by far for missions and orphanage.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

There will be an all-day service at the Church of God in Lexington, N. C., Sunday, Sept. 6. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. In the afternoon we will dedicate our new church building on Holt Street, one block off Cotton Grove road turn to the right on Decota Avenue. All invited, especially the ministers on Kannapolis district. We expect our district overseer, Brother Harry L. Whittington, also our state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens.—John and Annie Lindsey, Lexington, N. C.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from Newbern, Tenn., Rt. 4, to Phillip, Tenn. for the present.—G. W. Ragin.

We are going to have a great time at

East Bernstadt, Ky., Aug. 30th. We will have all-day meeting and dinner on the ground. There will be many good preachers and others present. We are looking for 2,000 people. There will be lots of good music and singing. If you fail to come you will miss something. Grandma will be here with her old black, split bonnet, and she still has that old-time victory she had forty years ago. You must come and see an old poplar plank that Uncle Tom, that old slave, hewed out with the broad ax one hundred and thirty-six years ago. Listen! We will have with us an old war horse, one of the old men of God from the old country. He will sing a song in his own language. Brother Solomon Scalf will preach some and others will take a part. I won't tell you what I will do, come and see. Come and see the house God gave us. Who would have thought it! Come to East Bernstadt, Ky., in Laurel county, on Route 25, only five miles north of London, Ky. I will be looking for you. There will be dinner on the ground. Bring a full basket. If you have chicken, I like gizzards. I surely want you to come. Come, Aug. 30, to "Happy" Tom's place.—"Happy" Tom Brooks, East Bernstadt, Ky.

We will have our Ravia district convention of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. work at Ravia, Okla., Aug. 30, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. I am asking all the Sunday Schools over the state to be sure to report your attendance and offerings for each Sunday in July at once. Our state banner will be here in a few days, also I have ordered reporting cards which I hope to have so I can mail them out soon. At this time we are in a revival at Chandler. The interest is good. Pray for me.—Yours for better Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in Oklahoma, Wiley E. Wright, Rt. 3, Chandler, Okla.

I feel that I am completely healed in my body and wish to express my many thanks for same.—W. C. Edgell, Brown, W. Va.

Our revival at the Jonesboro Church of God will begin Sept. 7. All neighboring churches are invited to come over and help us. The members who live away are especially invited to come and help. Make it a real revival. Everyone please pray a special prayer for the success of the meeting.—A worker, W. E. Hodo, 617 Bryant St., Bessemer, Ala.

The clerk of the Church at Big Spring, Texas has been changed. The clerk now is J. M. Lee, 211 North Scurry, Big Springs, Texas.

Faithful Crowns

ANDREW J. BEARD

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2: 10.

More than nineteen centuries of darkness and light have sped toward eternity since John stood upon the historic and ancient slopes of Patmos and heard uttered the above scripture. The beloved apostle saw the critical and destructive fires of persecutions under the leadership of at least ten kings in this great prophecy. He heard the cries of Christians in the dark days of Nero. He witnessed the fierce and unrelenting attacks of Valerian, Trajan, and many others.

We notice, however, that the above scripture plainly advises that under tribulations we are to be faithful if a crown is won. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. This is the best of all definitions of faith, and was given by the Apostle Paul. To be faithful one is commanded to be loyal, true, and full of fidelity. Just because so many eminent and godly characters have been faithful, sacred history to-day bears record of great spiritual exploits.

In Nottingham, England, there stands a monument whose majesty and beauty grace the town in which it stands. The epitaph on this monument is as follows: "Expect great things for God." If William Carey, an immortal and influential missionary, had not been faithful to the end, this monument and epitaph would not be an inspiration to the world. If this noble Christian character had not been faithful to God to the end, modern missionary work would not have been born in the epitaph of the tomb. It is said that William Carey was the forerunner of modern missionary work, that work that blazes the way for the sailor, paves the road for the pioneer, and last but not least, the work that has constructed civilization and will ultimately lighten the world.

If Charles G. Finney had been unfaithful, five hundred thousand souls, as the story goes, would not at this hour be awaiting the clarion call of the resurrection from an eastern dawn. When life and all her battles are over, Finney will stand out in the world to come as a star in the firmament. The onward march of our civilization can be traced more or less to the untiring Christian efforts of this man.

If the Apostle Paul had been unfaithful, the gospel perhaps would have not been planted in ancient Philippi, from which place the gospel seeds went to all

Europe and finally found its way into the lives of giants like Wesley, Whitefield, Cooper, and thousands of others. When we come to think of this one, Paul, being faithful, we are reminded that millions are sleeping in peace and will soon come home to testify the peace of God.

If the great Luther had failed God, the spiritual darkness of the middle ages would have never been chased into the dawn of a new spiritual day. The faithfulness of this one shook the shackles of spiritual ignorance from millions and brought a new-born day to a once benighted world. Luther was faithful and his reward will be great.

If Dwight L. Moody had proved to be unworthy, his famous dynamic words, "The earth is receding, God is calling, heaven is approaching," would not have brought cheer to thousands. Just what the faithfulness of this great man will mean in the world to come will be told by all who knew him. No character in the world's history has ever amounted to much who was unfaithful to God.

The writer was traveling through England during the great war, in the city of Winchester he saw the statue of Alfred the Great. There stands this monument to his works and service. It is said that when he called his law makers

together, he always was directed by the Ten Commandments. As I looked upon that magnificent statue, I was reminded that if he had not been faithful to God, England might be a barbarous nation now. Let us keep the vision, be faithful to God, and one day the reward will be ours.

We notice that Christ told the apostle in the same verse of scripture that if His people held out there would be a crown placed upon their lives in the world to come. A crown of the world in one sense, is an ornament worn on the heads of kings and sovereign princes, but the crown of life promised the people of God will consist of happiness, power, honor, and dignity.

The oldest crown in the universe is the crown of the Lombards, now in possession of Italy. The greatest crown in the world is the crown of Charlemagne, which is probably in Spain. The most beautiful crown is the crown of Robert Bruce, made by Scottish ladies. The richest crown in the world is the crown of England. But there is an unperishable crown in heaven, greater, more beautiful, and more majestic than all the crowns just mentioned. This crown has been made by Christ and is available to all who wish to wear it.

The crowning day which will no doubt come to Christians in the first resurrection, will take place in the regions above. The crown of righteousness as outlined by Paul in 2 Tim. 4:8 is far superior to all worldly crowns which

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COMING BY Special Train

We have just received word that the Ohio delegation to the Assembly this year is planning to charter a special train.

Come On, Ohio

Chattanooga will have a special reception committee and band to meet you.

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ports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper
allowance of space.

in Christ, and every one members one
of another" (Rom. 12:4, 5).

*Having Christian life we must work in
order to maintain it and to grow
in strength*

Jesus said, "Whosoever doth not bear
his cross, and come after me, cannot be
my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

"If any man will come after me, let
him deny himself, and take up his cross
daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

"Pure religion and undefiled before
God and the Father is this, To visit the
fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the
world" (Jas. 1:27).

"Work out your salvation with fear
and trembling. For it is God which
worketh in you both to will and to do
of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12, 13).

"Be diligent that ye may be found of
him in peace, without spot, and blame-
less" (2 Peter 3:14).

"Be kindly affectioned one to an-
other with brotherly love; in honour pre-
ferring one another; Not slothful in
business; fervent in spirit; serving the
Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in
tribulation; continuing instant in
prayer; Distributing to the necessity of
saints; given to hospitality (Rom. 12:
10-13).

Some time very early in the Christian
life, we will discover that there is some-
thing in the heart which is not in har-
mony with God and His will. We will
realize that something more is needed to
perfectly satisfy the soul.

Is this experience according to the
Bible?

*Believers in all ages have come to this
experience as indicated by Paul's
word to the Corinthians*

"And I, brethren, could not speak un-
to you as unto spiritual, but as unto
carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I
have fed you with milk, and not with
meat: for hitherto ye were not able to
bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For
ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is
among you envying, and strife, and di-
visions, are ye not carnal, and walk as
men?" (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

"Having therefore these promises,
dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves
from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God"
(2 Cor. 7:1).

What is yet lacking in our experience?

*"Have ye received the Holy Ghost
since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2).*

"I will pray the father, and he shall
give you another comforter, that he may
abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit
of truth; whom the world cannot re-
ceive, because it seeth him not, neither
knoweth him: but ye know him; for he
dwelleth with you, and shall be in you"

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✻ Editorials ✻

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We will soon be ready to ship litera-
ture, and I wish to express my apprecia-
tion for those who are already sending
in orders, and hope others will see to it
that your order is in by the first of Sep-
tember. This will be a great help to us
in getting things cleared away for the
Assembly.

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THE GREAT ASSEMBLY

The Assembly is drawing near. Many
are making preparations to come. To all
of our salesmen everywhere: In previous
Assemblies we have had lots of trouble
with credit and selling things from the
bookstand through our agents, which
takes so much of the time of the clerks
and bookkeepers. We have decided that
everything sold from the bookstand dur-
ing the Assembly will be cash. No or-
ders will be taken. All those who are
selling for us on commission, please or-
der your books and literature before the
Assembly, or wait until after the Assem-
bly closes and mail the order to us.

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bookstand on commission, for we will
take only a supply from the Publishing
House that we feel will meet the de-
mands of those who wish to buy for
cash.

I am putting this notice in in time so
no one will be disappointed or inconven-
iened.

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THE WAY TO GOD

(Continued)

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed,
and sang praises unto God" (Acts 16:
25).

"Now unto him that is able to do ex-
ceeding abundantly above all that we
ask or think, according to the power
that worketh in us, Unto him be glory
in the church by Christ Jesus through-
out all ages, world without end" (Eph.
3:20, 21).

*To maintain Christian life we must
have fellowship with the saints.*

"I will declare thy name unto my
brethren; in the midst of the congrega-
tion will I praise thee" (Psa. 22:22).

"And let us consider one another to
provoke unto love and to good works:
Not forsaking the assembling of our-
selves together, as the manner of some
is; but exhorting one another: and so
much the more, as ye see the day ap-
proaching" (Heb. 10:24, 25).

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody in your heart to the
Lord" (Eph. 5:19).

I will praise the Lord with my whole
heart, in the assembly of the upright,
and in the congregation" (Psa. 111:1).

To maintain this fellowship there is
need of co-operation which can only
come from mutual obligations. To this
end the Lord has established the church
and as every Christian is a member of
the body of Christ so he should belong
to the visible church.

"We are members one of another"
(Eph. 4:25).

Jesus asked the disciples, "whom say
ye that I am? And Simon Peter an-
swered and said, Thou art the Christ, the
Son of the living God. And Jesus an-
swered and said unto him, Blessed art
thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood
hath not revealed it unto thee, but my
Father which is in heaven. And I say al-
so unto thee, That thou art Peter, and
upon this rock I will build my church"
(Matt. 16:15-18).

*The church is composed of those who
have confessed Christ as did Peter.*

"Then they that gladly received his
word were baptized: and the same day
there were added unto them about three
thousand souls. Praising God, and hav-
ing favour with all the people. And the
Lord added to the church daily such as
should be saved" (Acts 2:41, 47).

"For as we have many members in one
body, and all members have not the same
office: so we, being many, are one body

The PERISCOPE

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM
FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

Things That Precede Jesus' Coming

A description of what we may expect in the world on the eve of Jesus' appearing is set forth in the words of Jesus and His apostles—signs in earth, sea and sky and among men great distress, Luke 21: 25-28. These verses describe almost perfectly world conditions to-day. The old foundations and lanes along which men have moved for ages are being broken up and amid turmoil, distress, and suffering a new era seems dawning upon the world. To those who look on, wondering what next, our answer is, Jesus is coming.

GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Matt. 24:14.

The gospel of Jesus is to be given in all the world then the end. How nearly this is done we may not be certain, but with the host of Spirit-filled messengers, who, with voice, pen and radio, are carrying the gospel of Jesus to men, we believe the last call is being given. Jesus did not say that all the world would be saved before His coming, but that the gospel should be preached "for a witness to all nations."

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS,

Matt. 24:6, 7.

War is one of the most outstanding signs of the times. In nothing have men made more progress in the past fifty years than in the art of killing and destroying each other. War news is the greatest news item to-day. From what we read in the daily papers, it is entirely possible that war on a colossal scale could break out in twenty-four hours in any part of the world.

FALSE PROPHETS AND FALSE RELIGIONS, Matt. 24:5, 11.

It is most amazing to us that so many false teachers and devilish doctrines can live and thrive right in the blazing gospel light of these times. Truly the gospel and what it brings to men is miraculous but it is nothing short of a miracle to be kept on the good, straight, clean victorious gospel line in such a time and under such conditions as are upon us to-day. Truly we live to see this terrible sign fulfilled.

THE GREAT FALLING AWAY, Matt. 24:12, 13.

Surely it was never more popular or

easier to backslide. From every rank and order of God's servants Satan is enabled to overcome some. He is surely a skillful artist. How he makes things that are base and low and grievous to God, look beautiful and attractive and to be desired! He is certainly doing some of his most effective work in these, which are surely the last days before Jesus' return. All of God's servants and everybody else should know that sin is just as black as ever and none can sin and get away with it except to come to Jesus and get it under the blood.

THE JEWS TO GATHER BACK AT PALESTINE

For hundreds of years Bible students have believed this and in a most remarkable way thousands have been returning to Palestine in recent years. Some one has said that the Jew is God's timepiece and certainly Bible students are finding much that is of interest in the activities and developments among the Jews of the world to-day. This is certainly one of the outstanding signs of the soon coming of Jesus.

SIGNS OF ANTICHRIST'S COMING

Nothing seems more certain in earth to-day than that the way is being prepared for the coming of this terrible monster. In the political, financial, commercial, and religious world about us, it seems there is only a step more and the way will be prepared for the great reception that God's Word says he is to receive. Surely Jesus will come soon and take His people to Himself.

THERE ARE OTHER SIGNS

Inventions, travel, pleasure seekers, increase of knowledge or education and the increase of interest in prophecy are signs of the Lord's coming. "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." We believe it will soon be said, "Behold he cometh, go ye out to meet him."

The recent riots in Palestine have brought terror to the people. According to prophecy the Jews are returning to Palestine, but they are by no means welcomed by their neighbors, the Arabs.

The cause for the riots arises from the fact that the Jews, who comprise only thirty per cent of the population and pay eighty per cent of the taxes, feel that

they should have a greater voice in the affairs of the land. They are contending for full control.

The Sunday School Times recently pictured two of the new coins of Palestine, the first currency issued directly for that land in 1,900 years. It is significant that on these coins appear in parenthesis the Hebrew letters "aleph" and "yod." On the face of each coin the name of the land "Palestine" is engraved in Hebrew, English, and Arabic. The Hebrew letters above mentioned are placed immediately after the Hebrew spelling of the name and represent "Eretz Israel" (the land of Israel). Thus as the appointed time draws near, the land is regaining its divinely given name in anticipation of its reoccupation by the divinely chosen people.

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According to the Scriptures the Jews in their blindness will accept the Antichrist as their Messiah. Daniel says that there will be a "covenant" or agreement between the two. Isaiah calls it the "covenant with death, an agreement with hell."

"And your covenant with death shall be disannulled and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it," Isa. 28: 18.

How could the Jews be secure in their homeland, Palestine, except under the wing of a powerful ruler or dictator? So such a "covenant" will be entered into with the Antichrist, although it shall result disastrously to the Jews.

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"Palestine is in convulsions. Arabs and Jews are clashing. British soldiers are trying to keep order. Rumors are spreading that Mussolini wants the mandate over the country. This is causing Great Britain to cringe. Foreign secretary Eden charged, in an address before the House of Commons, that Italy is carrying on a well organized campaign in the Holy Land, designed to create hatred for the British. Some of the propaganda is being radioed in weekly broadcasts by Italy in the Persian and Arabic tongues."

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"The Hebrew newspaper Tel-Aviv, published in Cairo, Egypt, says: 'Anti-British, pro-Arab, Italian propaganda denotes aspirations for a Palestine mandate. Italy can benefit by outbreaks in Palestine, which is in line with the ceaseless Italian efforts to obtain world influence. Italy cannot forget that it was British influence that imposed sanctions. Italy is interested in creating embarrassment to Britain when the Lake Tana problem comes up for discussion.'

Requests

Pray for our church here. We are in a revival. Brother Larkin Stamper is doing the preaching and is surely good. Do pray that the Church of God here will shine more and more unto the perfect day.—Sam L. Abney, pastor, Rt. 3, Lindsay, Okla.

I have an unsaved husband and I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray that God will bring him in before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Gladys Page, Erwin, N. C.

Dear people, pray for my husband. He is out in sin. Also pray for me.—Mrs. Wayne Harter, Montague, Cal.

I am out in sin and I want all the Christian people to pray for the Lord to save, sanctify and baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I have two brothers I also want you to remember, who art out in sin.—Mrs. Elsie Newman, Montague, Cal.

Please pray for the healing of our pastor, Brother A. J. Butler. He has heart trouble and low blood pressure. He is not able to preach. Pray for Sister Durden as she is in the hospital very sick. Pray for our little church here.—Mrs. Nova Johnson, Raleigh, N. C.

Pray for me to be healed of asthma. I am in a bad, rundown, weak condition.—Mrs. W. M. Nicks, Rt. 1, Box 157, Sarasota, Fla.

Pray for my mother as she has a goitre.—Miss Evelyn Murray, Meyersdale, Pa.

I have some special requests that I want you to pray for. Pray for my eyes as they are very bad and I can hardly see.—William Hoy, 1109 Holt St., Norfolk, Va.

I have two unspoken requests, also pray for my aunt who is sick.—A sister under the blood, Miss Eureka Crews, Rt. 1, Box 40A, Hilliard, Fla.

Pray for me, that the Lord will heal me. I am sick and hurt so until I can hardly sit up long enough to go to church and be in service. If any one feels led to fast and pray, please do so.—George Bishop, Rt. 1, The Rock, Ga.

Please pray for my wife to be healed of fever.—D. F. Baldree, Winokur, Ga.

Please pray for me as I have been sick

with a severe cold for two weeks. I also have a special request.—Mrs. Sarah Wood, Hardburly, Ky.

Please pray for us here at Coconut Grove, Fla. We have started a revival and surely want it to be a success in Jesus' name and for His glory. Pray that many souls will find Jesus. Brother W. B. Sumner, our pastor, is doing the preaching now. We surely love him and his wife. They truly are people of God. They have been such a blessing to us. Also pray for the Dorcas Circle. Please pray earnestly for us. I also have an unspoken request.—Ethel Rizer, Coral Gables, Fla.

I want you all to pray for me and my children. My husband died Dec. 2 and left me with four children to care for. I need help so badly for a livelihood. Also pray for my children to receive the Holy Ghost.—Maggie Pace, Rt. 2, McCool, Miss., c/o Mr. Turnipseed.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for me as I have something wrong with my ear and I have a very sore foot. I thank Him for His healing power and I know He can heal me again. Pray for me to be humble and willing to serve the Lord at all times. We are beginning a battle against Satan and we want you to please pray that the Lord will be with us in each service and that many lost souls will be saved.—Mrs. Mirtie Woodward, Box 21, Rochester, Tex.

I have a grandfather sixty-seven years old who is in very bad health. Please pray for him that he will gain his health back. I also have two brothers and two sisters whom I want you to pray for that they will live a Christian life. Pray that they will receive the Holy Ghost and always stand true.—Miss Eunice McCloud, Gen. Del., Snyder, Okla.

Pray a special prayer for Velma Greenlee Crocker, Shaw, Miss. She has been sick for a month with her side. Pray earnestly. — Her mother, Lizzie Belle Greenlee.

We are in a revival at Bon Air, Tenn., the writer in charge. Pray that many will be saved and sanctified. Ask the Lord to give us a church at this place as this is a new field. Don't pass this up. Please beg the Lord to heal me as I have an afflicted limb.—Your humble sister, F. Joplin, Rt. 2, Box 65.

I have an unspoken request for prayer. Our pastor ran a five nights' meeting. We were all blessed, two filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. F. J. Lane is our pastor's name. Pray that I'll

get the Holy Ghost.—Tommie Jones, 457 Tilden St., New Albany, Miss. (colored).

Please pray for me to be healed of my affliction as I am disable to perform my duty to the Lord as a minister. My health prevents me working for Jesus. I want to be able to evangelize or pastor a church this coming year. If you will lift me up—Jesus will heal me as we believe Him. Now as the devil is fighting on every hand, pray for me to be able to help fight him. If I am healed, I will dedicate my entire time wholly to the service of the Lord. Pray for God to make me able to accept the ministry this coming year. He knows my condition. — Haskell Compton, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

God Met With Us

PERULACK, Pa.—Dear readers, on March 27 Mrs. Swartwood had a stroke. Her left side was entirely paralyzed. They sent us word and asked us to have prayer meeting with her on Sunday afternoon, March 29. We asked God's guidance and gathered there. God certainly met with us.

Sister Swartwood was instantly healed of the stroke and Sisters Shoop and Smith were both healed of heart trouble. Praise His holy name for such a loving Savior. Pray that I will keep in the will of the Lord at all times.—Pastor, Cross Keys church, H. C. Linn and wife.

NOTICES

A revival and convention will convene Sept. 1-13 at 43rd and Gilbert Ave., Beallwood, Ga., the convention convening the last three days, 11th-13th. Brother S. W. Sisk will preach each evening of the revival, Brother J. P. Hughes, state overseer, will have charge of the convention. There will be all-day services the 12th and 13th. Everybody is invited. There will be special music and singing.—A. H. Batts, district pastor.

We are having a revival at the Church of God at Caroleen, N. C. We surely hope all the saints will help us pray for our church. Our pastor is leaving the last of August. Pray for the Lord to send us another good one.—Katie Alley, Caroleen, N. C.

To the Churches of God in Texas: This is to notify all concerned that W. H. Woodall, 301 Hanover St., Weatherford, Tex., has been appointed state mission treasurer for Texas. Please send all funds to him instead of Dane Hudson.—T. S. Payne, Overseer.

Bible School Echoes

HAMAN, THE JEWS' ENEMY

BY CLARENCE L. C. HUGHES,
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"And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. . . . And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman. . . . the Jews' enemy."

These verses give us the principal facts of the story of Haman's persecution of the Jews, which story in turn is the principal theme of that beautiful story of the exile in Babylon—the Book of Esther. It is with this story that I shall proceed to deal.

"Mordecai bowed not." Mordecai was a righteous Jew, a man of God, who bowed his knee to no one but his Creator. It is refreshing, inspiring, something to thank God for, to find a man who will hold fast to his beliefs in the face of adversity and will refuse to pay homage to despotism. It was this that wounded the haughty pride of Haman; and thus it was that the wounded vanity of a wicked man imperiled the lives of thousands of God's people. Such was the spirit which hundreds of years later caused Nero, emperor and tyrant of Rome, to send thousands of devout citizens to the lions of the amphitheater, usually for nothing more than wounding his vanity by not applauding some sensual debauchery of his, or not praising a poem he wrote.

Surely it has been proved that "pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Blessed are they who learn the lesson that, "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." May God teach us the lesson of humility.

"And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; . . . wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom." Haman's wicked desire for revenge would not be satisfied with the destruction of man. His was a nature which revelled in blood, in cruelty, in colossal destruction; therefore, he plotted the death of a whole race of people which had done him no harm, in order to revenge a mere hurt to his pride.

The Jew is the scapegoat of the world. They are the wanderers of the world,

the only true "man without a country." They have no government, no country, practically no institutions. Whenever a dictator arises, desiring to show his power, the Jews always offer a safe people for him to give vent to his cruelty. Such has happened in Germany. Whenever economic difficulties arise, the Jews are always able to be saddled with the blame. The Jews are the world's problem; nobody wants them, yet no one can do without them—they are too deeply tied up with the industry and the wealth of the nations.

The reason for this lies back almost two thousand years. The Son of God was on trial (if such a mock affair can be called a trial) for His life. Pilate was striving to release Him, to get his hands clear of the matter. He did not want His blood on his hands. "His blood be on us and our children," shouted the hating and infuriated mob.

Not in vain did they bring down this curse on their heads. No one can fling such a challenge in the face of God unrewarded. Christ was crucified and from that event on the Jews have been reaping the fruits of their curse, scattered and persecuted.

But paradoxical as it may seem, though God is allowing the world to persecute the Jews according to divine plan, yet just as surely as He is allowing this persecution, that surely will He punish those nations and peoples who are harming the Jews. Back thousands of years ago, God made a promise to Abraham concerning his seed: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee." To-day this promise still holds true; God does not go back on His Word.

It does not pay to molest God's people. Although the Jews were rejected as God's chosen when they rejected Christ, it does not pay to molest them. The world is learning this to its own hurt. It does not pay to persecute the Church, the bride of Christ, the child to which the Jewish regime gave birth. God's blessing and promise hover over it, God's hand defends and protects it. God's blessing goes to that nation which protects His Church. Truly, it does not pay to be the enemy of God's people. Thus years before the birth of Christ Haman proved this truth at the cost of his own life.

The rest of the story of Haman and Mordecai is well known: How Haman secured the king's orders to destroy the Jews; how the Jews mourned and fasted; how Haman prepared the gallows for Mordecai; how Mordecai was advanced and honored; and how Esther risked her life to intercede for her people, revealing Haman's treachery and causing his fall. Every Sunday School

student is acquainted with these facts.

"So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai." Thus ends the story of the despot, forever proving the truth of the proverb, "He that diggeth a pit shall fall therein."

The picture is now changed. The persecutor of the Jews had perished by the very death he had planned for his adversary. The king's order could not be reversed, but he issued a new command, enabling the Jews to revenge themselves upon their enemies. The king was now a friend of the Jews, through the influence of Esther. Mordecai, one of their race, was influential in the court, holding the high office of the deceased Haman. On the day set for their destruction, instead of being destroyed, they killed 75,000 of their enemies and gave thanks for their deliverance. That day was thereafter set aside by law as a day of thanksgiving.

Throughout the book the underlying thought and principle seems to be an implicit faith in providence, a belief that God will avenge His children, that the darkest hour is just before dawn, and that truth and right will finally triumph over sin and wrong.

Such a trust is expressed in the words of the psalmist: "I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." And again, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could be found. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

It is such a faith which inspires Christians to take up their cross and trudge the weary road; which makes men forsake earthly gain to work for the Master; which has lighted the path of Christians for hundreds of years. Such a faith is expressed by the poet:

*"The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will toward men!"*

Glad for the Wonderful Spirit of God

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala.—Dear saints of God, I sent in my request the fifth of June for prayer for my sick baby. Thank God he got well even after the doctor doubted. Praise God! I am glad for that wonderful spirit of God.

Now, dear people, I ask you to pray that my baby will not take the paralysis. Oh, do pray that he will not have it. Also pray for other people of this place who have never heard this wonderful preaching and have never seen God's power deal with people.—Lucille Tharp.

REPORTS

Biltmore, N. C. Reports Progress

BILTMORE, N. C.—I truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the work here. We have a good Sunday School. We are one hundred per cent on mission quota, which we thank the Lord for.

We had our district home coming day the first Sunday in June and the Lord was surely with us. Brother John L. Stephens and family were with us. We were surely glad to have them. We had a number of good speakers on the program. Each message fed our souls. The Lord blessed us with a good offering toward our new church building which was one hundred dollars.

I thank the Lord for His power and presence and that sweet spirit He manifested in our services. Oh glory to God, my soul is feasting on His great love. I truly appreciate Him because He is all in all to me. I thank the Lord for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister C. H. Shaw. They truly have their hearts in the work here because we can see the hand of God moving upon the efforts they put forth. We love and appreciate them because they have proved such a blessing to us. Pray for the work here. I covet an interest in your prayers that I will ever be what the Lord will have me be.—Gertrude Briggs, clerk.

Lord Still Blessing in Kansas

We came here in March in answer to a call from the state overseer, Brother J. M. Snyder, and he sent us to Wichita where there had been a church for two years. This is a large city of 117,600 but we found the church had gone down as the minister had left it. We have been able to hold our own, add a little to it and restore confidence that the people might see and know that there is reality in the Church of God, and by so doing, we have been able, by the help of the good Lord, to take over a Free Pentecost church seven miles in the country where they have a church house and a two-room parsonage all furnished. The church there too was in a rundown condition. Some have already been reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We too, as well as the saints, are encouraged by adding another little band to the Wichita district as we are way out here by ourselves.

We were all made to rejoice by getting to attend our state convention at Pittsburg and getting to meet our beloved State and General Overseers, as

well as all the other saints of God. Pray for us here in this needy field.—J. B. Clark and wife, 1521 S. St. Clair, Wichita, Kansas.

Give God the Praise

ALBANY, Ga.—I am not a Christian and never have been but I give God the praise for healing my body. I had heart dropsy for two years. I tried numerous doctors and none of them did me any good. I got worse and worse until I came to the point of death.

One Saturday night I had two doctors with me. I had a high temperature. One doctor pronounced pneumonia in my right side. I had not been able to sleep for months. One of these doctors would not prescribe medicine for me whatever.

I had always criticized holiness but on this Saturday night a lady who professes holiness and belongs to the Church of God prayed for me until my temperature was gone, pneumonia was gone and Sunday morning I was sitting up in a chair.

While I am not entirely well and not a Christian, I want the Christian people to pray for me.—A. W. Mathis, 1507 N. Monroe St.

God Wonderfully Blessing in Harrisburg, Pa.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

This is what we are endeavoring to do just now. Oh, that we had words to praise Him for what He has done and is doing for the church in Harrisburg, Pa. The interest has greatly increased in every department of the church work. The Sunday School has grown from an average of around eighteen to fifty-seven. We have the Sunday School state banner now, this makes two months in succession we have won it. The Y. P. E. is growing in number, interest, and spirituality. The regular services are honored by the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We have been enabled to remodel the church building and have a beautiful little place of worship and a nice parsonage. We can say with the Psalmist, "Bless be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things."

The membership is small but God has promised to reward the faithful. Through their faithfulness and the untiring efforts of their pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Wm. Morris, much good has been accomplished.

A revival was closed July 26 with good results. Sister Mullikin and co-workers, Brother and Sister Tull, were the evangelists. Eight were saved, seven sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, and eight added to the church. A revival

spirit is still in our midst. The Holy Ghost took charge of the service last Sunday morning and one was saved. We praise Him for His good and wonderful works unto the children of men.—Alva Mae McClure, 1266 Miller St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Lord Blessing in Thorndike, Maine

THORNDIKE, Me. — Dear Evangel readers, we just closed a revival with Sister Emma Newman in charge. She came here in June and opened fire on the devil. We are surely having wonderful meetings after the revival. She had Brother Poteat to come over and set a church in order with nine members. Then we had an all-day meeting July 19. We had wonderful services that day. Brother Chambers and some of the Bible students came over from Appleton. Two weeks later Brother Chambers came over again and gave a chance for membership and twelve others united with the church. That makes twenty-one members now. We have organized a Sunday School, we had forty-one in Sunday School. The Lord is setting His approval on her work here. Sunday we had a baptismal service. Brother R. R. Walker preached a good sermon at the water's edge. Twelve were baptized. Brother Chambers did the baptizing. We had a large crowd.

Sister Emma Newman came from Alabama to our state in October, from the Assembly. She has preached in most all of the large cities in Maine. We are hoping to have her back another year. Do pray, for we need more preachers in Maine.—A sister in Church of God, Cara M. Penney.

Greatly Encouraged

PERRY, Okla.—Yes, the Church of God at Perry, Okla. has been greatly encouraged and wonderfully blessed since the state camp meeting at Maud. The Lord made it possible for a number of us to attend the camp meeting and we know we have done well in keeping Heb. 10:25 which reads: "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

There have been three added to the church, some saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Six were baptized in water July 26. We are praying for a real revival that sinners might be converted to righteousness and that God might once more deal with a few who have sat under the hearing of the gospel and fought off conviction until they now fail to hear the call.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. R. O. Symes.

Church Set in Order at York, South Carolina

Evangelist Margaret Jacobs pitched her tent in York, S. C. about the middle of June and began a battle to tear down the strongholds of Satan and establish a work for God. York has been considered a very hard field and a place that has been neglected by God's people.

At first the people were astonished at the doctrine that she preached, and then they wanted to hear more. Thousands attended to hear the gospel messages. Conviction seized the people and scores were saved, sanctified, and filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost.

On July 18 the writer was called to set a church in order. The church was set in order with eighteen members. Before the close of the revival, the membership had grown to thirty and there are many more that we are expecting to unite with the church in the near future. While the revival was in progress a large lot 75x200 feet, in an ideal location, was given to the Church of God and Sister Margaret raised \$110.00 on a church building. We expect to have a building in York by the Assembly. Many friends were won for God and His Church by the evangelist, and they are all anxious for her to give them another meeting in the near future.

The members of this new church are proving themselves loyal in every respect. Every working member is a tithe payer. There is a wonderful prospect for a large church in York, S. C.—Linwood Jacobs, district overseer, Rock Hill, S. C.

We Can Make the Landing

RALSTON, Okla. — I am glad for what the Lord is to me and for this good blessing which is still in my life. Twenty-one years ago this April God so wonderfully blessed my soul, gave me the Holy Ghost, and it is just as real as it was then. Bless His sweet name.

We don't get to go to Church of God services, but how I love her, none can fill her place in this world with me. I am so glad God can put such a determination in our hearts. In spite of every foe we can make the landing.—Mrs. H. M. Norton.

Work Moving On in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A five weeks' revival has just closed with Brother Albert Childers and wife, and Lillian Todd of North Carolina in charge. Brother Childers did some wonderful preaching which was backed by the power of the Holy Ghost. We learned to love Brother and Sister Childers and Lillian. We had the happy privilege of having Brother and Sister E. A. Henson and George Lytle with us two nights. They did some

wonderful singing which was enjoyed by all. We also had Brother and Sister Kutz with us most of the time. They are good workers in singing, also praying and working in the altar. We regret very much to give them up. Brother Alphas LaFevre also paid us a visit which was enjoyed. He rendered some fine music on the piano, violin, and guitar. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Seven were filled with the Holy Ghost. Some prayed through to sanctification and seven united with the church.

We have had no church building but now we have one started under the able management of our dear pastor, Brother A. V. Beaubé and wife. They're wonderful people and we surely love them. The work is moving on in Nashville, pray for it.—Belle Cochran and Lottie George.

Witnesses to God's Healing Power

TARRYTOWN, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, sometime ago I sent in a request for prayer for the healing of my body. I also asked other praying people to pray for me as I knew God only could handle my case as two doctors advised that I be taken at once to a hospital for an operation, while another said I wasn't able to undergo an operation. They said I had a large tumor and Bright's disease of the kidneys, high blood pressure and a weak heart. Some of the neighbors said I would never be any better until I was taken to a hospital and got treatment. But I didn't want to go as I felt hospitals were not for God's people, so we laid my case before the Lord and I layed off every dose of medicine. He undertook and healed my severe suffering. I don't suffer now and I am able to milk and do light work and the tumor is going down. I believe it is going away. Praise our God. I know He did the work and I am looking and trusting Him to make me every whit whole and use me for His glory. My life is a witness that there is power in the blood of Jesus to heal the sick. Bless His dear name. I want to do more for Him in the future than I have in the past for we see the signs that He is coming soon and I want to be at the post of duty when He calls. Please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nora Hadden.

Obedience to God's Word Brings Victory

GRAND LEDGE, Mich.—We truly praise the Lord for His many blessings. Last winter our little three-year-old boy had what seemed to be an abscess beneath his ear in his throat. Beneath his ear was a running sore which bothered him for nearly two weeks. Washing it

with pure water seemed to do no good. All the while we were praying about it, as not a drop of medicine of any kind would we put on it.

One day while praying the Lord spoke to me and said, "Prayer and olive oil," and then I knew. Directly this was done and from that day on his ear began to heal. For sometime it has been completely healed. Obedience to God's Word will always bring victory. Praise His dear name!

We ask the prayers of the dear Evangel family that we might be obedient to God's will. Please remember our unsaved children. We would like so much to see them all saved and using their talent for the glory of God.—Yours in the faith, Brother and Sister Louis Kempf, 312 W. Front St.

Praise God for Keeping Me

GRAND SALINE, Tex.—Dear saints, greetings in the name of Jesus. I have a praise in my heart now. I praise Him for keeping me up to this time. The other day my daughter-in-law sent me a roll of Church of God Evangel and they were really good to my soul. I feel sometimes like an offcast as I haven't been with the Church of God saints and in a Church of God service since the fall of 1934. I don't know, my name may be taken off the church book, but say, it is still on record on the Book of Life, and I have the assurance it is.

Although I have been almost ready to fall by the wayside, through faith in Jesus and the good Word of God I would receive overcoming power. I can truly say I am saved, sanctified, and the Holy Ghost abides. I hope my name is still with the Church of God as there is nothing like the good Church of God. She is the Bible Church and I want to be a worthy member and be ready to go when Jesus comes.

I would like to hear from the clerk at Brownfield, Tex., Church of God. I would be so glad if some real Church of God preacher would come here and hold a meeting. We live two miles southwest of the Van oil field.

I request prayer for my loved ones to be saved. Also pray for my dear old mother that she will get this blessing and that the Lord will heal her hips so she can walk without crutches. Pray much for me to be in the center of God's will. I would like to hear from all the saints who care to write. It is very lonely to live where you can't go to church.—Mrs. M. E. Belk, Route 3.

The Church can never answer the call of God and turn down the call of the heathen. When she responds to the call of the heathen she is then responding to the call of God.

MISSIONS

MY TRIP TO JERUSALEM

(Continued)

BY J. H. INGRAM

Our next excursion led us to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, and on a circular tour around The Valley of Jehoshaphat. At the Garden of Gethsemane we stopped for prayer in the church built over the place where Jesus was said to have resorted for prayer. The building in question was built with the funds donated from several nations. The roof consists of a series of domes, the interiors of which are done in gold and vari-colored mosaics minute in size, and forming the coat-of-arms of each country contributing. I noticed that one of the domes bore a likeness of our own U. S. A. emblem. The superstructure was supported by several large pillars. In front of the altar was a square fenced off by a railing which enclosed the original spot where the Lord is supposed to have knelt in prayer. Back of the altar was an arched alcove in which a picture of Jesus was done in mosaics depicting the Gethsemane Prayer Scene. The color scheme was too rich and varied to describe. The Lord was shown in a kneeling position beneath an old snarled olive tree. An angel was poised in space directly above, from where golden rays of the Shekinah glory were coming down, to lighten up the otherwise gloomy scene. The sleeping disciples could be seen in the background, beneath other trees of the olive grove.

After leaving the church we went into the garden outside for a brief rest and prayer before starting the ascent of the Mount of Olives. We followed the old road around the point and up to the highest part, where a splendid view of Jerusalem and the surrounding country may be had. Here the Mohammedans have built a mosque over the spot from where tradition says Jesus ascended to heaven. The main part of the building was to the front, facing Jerusalem, and was surmounted by a tall tower. Within a high wall to the rear was a little shrine built over a rock bearing an impression resembling a foot. It is claimed Christ left His footprint here in the stone as He went up. Of course we believe that the ascension took place farther down the way toward Bethany, and the Bible account bears out the theory, not only as the place but the distance from the city of Jerusalem. "And he led them out as far as Bethany." The marginal reference says, "Until they

were opposite Bethany." Luke 24:50. "Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off (one and seven-eighths English miles). John 11:18.

After kneeling in prayer, we continued our journey. Curving back to the left, we traversed Mt. Scopus on the return to the city, completing the circuit of the Valley of Jehoshaphat. As stated before, this valley consists largely of open space with olive trees scattered about. On the steep slopes facing Jerusalem were to be seen numerous rock-hewn tombs. This space is used as grazing land for the sheep and goats, and as it was getting late in the evening, the shepherds were leading the flocks to their respective folds. There is nearly always a sprinkling of goats among the sheep, and in some cases there are more goats than sheep. I thought of Matthew's account of the judgment of the nations, when Christ shall come and separate them as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats, setting the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on the left hand. Matt. 25:31-46.

Next we go for a walk which takes us on a complete circuit of the old city outside the walls. The road, which is nothing more than a donkey and camel trail, led down into the valley of Hinnom. Passing Jaffa gate and the Tower of David it runs almost parallel to the west wall. There is a dirty, congested native village crowded into the upper reaches of the little valley, a reminder of ancient Tophet, situated thereabouts. It was here human sacrifices were once made, the people causing their children to pass through the fire to the god Moloch. Others being literally burned, Jer. 7:31; 19:6; 2 Kings 23:10. It later is said to have become a sort of public dump where the fires were fed continually by refuse from the city, which often contained the bodies of animals. It literally means "Place of Fire," and is symbolic of hell and the lake of fire, Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 20:14-15.

On the way down the rocky, dry valley, we passed the "Field of Blood" or "Potter's Field," bought with the thirty pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed the Lord. Matt. 26:3-10. The only signs of life to speak of were some old, knotty, twisted olive trees. Farther on to our right rose up a cliff, where were located the cave of the Apostles and the tombs of the Karaites. Presently we emerge into the Kedron Valley, and pass a large

threshing floor to our left. The natives were busy threshing the grain. Camels and donkeys were employed in transporting the wheat from the adjacent fields. It was spread out in circular piles and other animals were treading out the grain. Some were pulling what we call a "drag," a sort of wooden contraption resembling a sled, only without "runners." After they were through dragging or tramping, other workers came along with big forks tossing the chaff into the air, to be blown away by the wind. Some were sifting the grain through crude sieves and sacking it up. It seemed to be a sort of community "working," and as the night grew on the women and girls could be seen carrying up water from "Job's Well" a few hundred yards below us, and the smoke which had already begun to rise from the chimneys, gave evidence of the fact that the evening meal was in course of preparation.

We continued to the old well for a cool drink, after which we turned right-about-face and headed for the Pool of Siloam. To our right and not very far away, on the slope of the hill, was the ancient town of Siloam. Arriving at the pool we found it to be dry and somewhat in ruins, as the water had been diverted to other channels. We went down a flight of stone steps below the surface of the ground, where we came across a tunnel, or an aqueduct cut out in the solid rock about two feet wide by fifteen feet high, from which a stream of cold, clear water about two feet deep was flowing. This tunnel was said to have been cut by Hezekiah at the time when Jerusalem was besieged by the Assyrian armies, in order to turn the waters of the "Virgin's Fountain"—as it is now known—inside the walls of the old city of David, so as to "stop the fountains which were without the city." Read 2 Kings 18:17; 2 Chron. 32:18. The tunnel is known as "Hezekiah's Aqueduct" and is fitted with iron gates. The lower end was open and we decided to wade through it, but could not get anyone to act as guide. After some discussion we made up our minds to go through alone—an experience very few care to go through with.

One of the brethren had a small flashlight, so he led the way with me hot on his heels and the other man taking up the rear. We did not have wading boots so we peeled off our shoes and took it barefooted. The distance through was about 1,749 feet and followed a zigzag course. The bottom was covered with mud to a depth of several inches, and appeared to have broken glass strewn about in places. I cut one of my feet, but did not feel it as the water was so cold it made the flesh numb. Toward the middle the cut-

ting became so low it seemed our faces would meet the water, we had to stoop so far. We could see how in their haste they had missed the way in places and found ourselves leading off into false chambers. There were niches cut in the sides, perhaps for their lamps. Apparently crews had been working from both ends, and met somewhere near the middle, at least that was the way it looked. Nearing the other end the opening was higher which made walking easier. The rays of our torchlight penetrated the gross darkness to the point where the light from the bright sun outside began to show faintly. And behold! We are up against the huge iron gates which are closed in our faces. With hostile Arabs surrounding both outlets, and a state of war already existing, we could imagine being shut between two iron gates, and left to our own fate, in this watery, living tomb. Here we were standing in icy-cold water to our knees. No place to sit nor lie down. There is a babble of strange voices outside which seems far from being a friendly discussion. It seemed as though they were arguing over some question—perhaps our destiny. The sounds die down, there is a brief moment of deathly silence filled with intense anxiety. We stare at each other in the semi-darkness, but no one speaks. Then I see a trembling hand reach forward and slowly, but firmly grasp the iron bars of the gate, whose rusty hinges yielded to pressure permitting it once more to swing ajar. What a sigh of relief!

A little farther on was the "Fountain of the Virgin" with the water gushing out over the rocks into a basin about seven feet across which was cut out in the rock below. There was about four feet of water in the spring, and the water was racing through like a mill-stream. Being rather tall, the first two of us straddled around and got across, but I heard a splash and looked around in time to see the little man in the rear plunging in. He had missed his footing and went down feet first holding his hands aloft to protect his watch and movie camera. We found that the arguing had been going on between some fussy women and girls, who had come to carry up water for the night. From here we went up another flight of stone steps to the surface and continued through the valley, with stones falling on both sides. Luckily no one was hit.

On the way the tombs of Zacharias and Absalom were visited. We cross the Jericho road at the Garden of Gethsemane and enter the church built over the tombs of Joseph and the virgin Mary. We go down a flight of steps dimly lighted by candles, into the cavern where it is almost pitch dark. There is some more excited talking in one of

the openings leading off to our right, where a couple of men and some children were engaged in scrubbing the tile floor. One of the keepers joined our number and directed us to the tombs. That of Joseph being higher up, we passed it on the way out. Saying goodbye to our guide, we are off again in a hurry as it is getting time for the "curfew" to sound when we must all be shut in our homes for the night—no one being allowed out after dark. In my haste I stopped to pick up a typewritten letter fluttering in the wind just outside the latter named shrine, which proved to be very interesting. It was written by one Jean C. Madge, and was directed to some one experiencing "coldness of heart" and in need of healing for her body.

I will be continuing my writings about the Holy Land trip. At this time I have completed my tour of the neutral zone in North Africa, also French and Spanish Morocco, as well as Spain and the neutral zone, "No Man's Land," on the European side of the straits, and am on the Rock of Gibraltar waiting for the ship that is to take me to my next engagements in England. The world-famous "Big Ben" clock in London just struck twelve—over the radio—midnight, so "adios."

A LETTER FROM CANADA

CHAPLEAU, Ont., Can. — Dear Evangel readers, we are expecting great victory in Chapleau, Ont. Chapleau is a small railroad town of about 2,000 population located about nine hundred miles north of Windsor, Ont., where Brother Carl Hughes' church is, and that is the nearest Church of God to us. We are over one hundred seventy-five miles from any highway, right back in the Canadian forests. The nearest city is Sudbury, Ont., about two hundred miles away.

Brother Arlie Starn and I left Brother D. G. Phillips Aug. 6th, at the Lord's command, and arrived at Chapleau the 9th. One of God's Indian preachers met us at the station and directed us to our room. That very afternoon we attended a prayer meeting conducted by two young Pentecostal preachers. These brethren greeted us with the greatest of honor and that afternoon agreed that they would do their best to co-operate and do all they could for the Church. They said they had prayed for God to send them help and were positive that the Church of God would be the answer. They have given us lodging with them and are helping us in the revival. In fact, they are praying for God to send in the finance so that all four of us can attend the General Assembly. This may mean two worthy Canadian preachers

for the Church of God. Surely we need them.

Sometime ago they had made steps to build a log church but as I talked to them they expressed their desire to see the church erected under the Church of God. The work has been hindered due to the lack of co-operation on the part of their organization and since they and the people of Chapleau realize the value of the Church of God, they are ready to accept it. Please do pray for us. Most of the followers are Indians and very poor but they need Christ and the Church as well as we. Do pray that some way God will make it possible for us four to attend the Assembly and bring with us the report of the Church of God being established at Chapleau, Ont. Can.—Yours for the Church of God in Canada, Archie F. McWilliams.

NOTICES

The Washington camp meeting of North Carolina on R. F. D. 3 will convene September 10-20. The roads are considerably better as the road force has sanded them and made a good job of it. You can come and be sure the roads are not impassible either way. Every one is invited and we especially invite all the ministers and workers in the state that can to come bring your musical instruments and help in every way you can to make this a time for harvesting souls, receive a blessing and be a blessing. We have camps with straw beds free. Just bring your bed linen and blankets. If you like, you may bring an oil stove and do your own cooking. We have a lunch stand on the ground where you can get your lunch reasonable. The camp ground is seven miles north of Washington on the road leading to Robersonville on R. F. D. 3. Brother J. L. Stephens, his wife, and Miss Dorothy David will furnish special music. All who read this, please pray. We are expecting the Lord to work miracles. If there are those who desire to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost or healed, come believing. Pray much.—T. L. Little, district pastor, Washington, N. C.

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Pastors of Mississippi: We are fast coming to the close of this Assembly year. We are setting the second Sunday in September to finish our year's work on missions. Please every pastor observe this final mission day, the last opportunity. Also, pastors, please see that the annual report forms are filled out and sent to Headquarters by September 15th. Don't forget our state-wide Evangel drive. God is with us. Great revivals are on. Pray and hurry. Our time is limited.—Faithfully, T. M. McClendon, state overseer.

REVIVALS

GRENADA, Miss.—I praise my good Lord for the good blessings that He has bestowed on this little community. We have just closed an eight days' meeting at this little church, Dana, four miles west of Grenada. Brother H. A. McNemar and wife did the preaching. Brother L. A. Harville preached three sermons. They did some good preaching and the Lord surely blessed them. The Lord's presence was manifested in a marvelous way. Thirteen were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were drawn closer to God and have a greater determination to live this life and do more for God.

There are only six members and some of them have moved away. Pray for us that we will do more for the Lord. We have a good Sunday School with about forty on roll. I desire the saints to pray for my unsaved husband and boys. Pray for our little church here that many souls will be saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. R. E. Wilburn, Star Rt. 2.

BAXLEY, Ga.—We are glad to sound a note of praise for a three weeks' revival that was held here at the Graham Church of God which closed with about seven sanctified, and one reclaimed the Holy Ghost. We had many good messages. The revival was conducted by Brother J. L. Harrison, pastor, and Brother J. H. Bonhom, a young evangelist.—Mamie Carter, clerk.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — On July 7 Brother A. J. Murray of Decatur, Ala. came to Huntsville and held an eight days' meeting and set a church in order. We surely were blessed with a wonderful meeting. We have thirteen members in our church. Brother Murray plans to come back in October to hold another revival. Please pray for us.—Lottie Garand.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. reports victory. Brother Buford Alford and coworkers came here July 19 and opened fire on the devil. God began to bless. Every night the Holy Ghost was in our midst. The evangelist preached soul-stirring messages and the altar began to be filled with seekers. Truly God has blessed in this three weeks' revival. Thirteen were saved, and nine added to the church. This included a goodly number of our young people. Praise the Lord! The saints were greatly encouraged to press on. Every one enjoyed the good singing by

Brother Buford's coworkers and others who helped. The church welcomes him any time. Please pray for us at Memphis.—R. C. Ogle, pastor, 3339 Rosamond Ave.

HENAGAR, Ala.—I am glad to report a good meeting we had at Henagar, Ala. on Sand Mountain. Sister W. E. Sanders of LaFayette, Ga. was in charge of the meeting. Three were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost. There is much interest and many folks under conviction. We would be glad for some one to come here and hold a meeting for us, also set a church in order. Sister Sanders says she will come back and help in a meeting.—Your brother and sister in Christ, B. F. Stalny and Maley Craig.

We truly thank the Lord for the way He blessed at Titusville, Fla. We started a revival July 19 and closed it Aug. 9. God surely did bless. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost, two saved, four sanctified, and five added to the church at Cocoa, Fla. We had water baptism conducted by Brother Cupp of Cocoa. God was with us at the water's edge. We feel that God was with us as it was our first revival. The writer was in charge.—Roy Douglas, 816 N. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

DUNLAP, Tenn.—The Church of God at Dunlap has just closed a four weeks' revival. Thirteen were saved, nine sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine reclaimed, thirteen baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church. Brother James Walter Thurman did the preaching. Pray for us to stay humble until the Lord comes or calls.—Mrs. Nellie Swanger.

BRANCHLAND, W. Va.—We just closed a two weeks' revival at Hubball, W. Va. with W. B. Branham, Louisa, Ky., doing the preaching. Four were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and three added to the church. The entire church was built up and strengthened by the good sound gospel messages. We had good congregations and sinners seemed to be interested. We are expecting and welcome Brother Branham back with us again. Pray for this little band here at Hubball, W. Va.—Mrs. Dora Ferrell, clerk.

CUMMING, Ga.—We started a revival at the Spring Creek Church of God July 29 and closed it Aug. 9 with a great ingathering of souls. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Ten were converted, fifteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water, and fourteen added to the church. The Lord blessed in a

wonderful way in every service. Praise the Lord for His mighty power. I ask all the Evangel readers to pray for us at Cumming. Pray for me that my body will be healed.—Your brother in Christ, G. G. Humphries.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—Brother H. E. Buntin, pastor at Chillicothe, conducted a three weeks' revival at the McCleary schoolhouse, seven and one-half miles south of here. God mightily used him and deep conviction seized the people. Twenty-seven gave their hearts to God. Within eleven weeks our Sunday School has had an increase of forty-five. God is working in a wonderful way. We are praying for a revival at Chillicothe soon.

We would like to hear from some good evangelist with musical instrument or a piano. Write to H. E. Buntin, Gale St., Chillicothe, Mo. We thank the South Dakota Church of God and all other saints who prayed for the church at Chillicothe by request of Sister J. J. Burner sometime ago.—Mrs. Elgin Sanders.

NETTLETON, Ark.—A revival has just closed here held by the writer, district pastor, and Claud McGee at Barnhill Church of God near Earle, Ark., also one in the Marked Tree community. Thirty were saved, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church, and twenty-seven baptized in water. A Y. P. E. was organized with about twenty-five members. Chances are fine for a good work at Barnhill church. We will go back for another revival Sept. 15, D. V.

All who know the worth of prayer, please pray for the work on the Marked Tree district. The Lord surely did bless. There was a sick baby whose father and mother were sinners. We prayed for the baby and the Lord healed it and saved both of its parents.—R. R. Martin.

SIGNAL MT., Tenn.—A wonderful revival closed Aug. 1 with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. About twenty-five were saved, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine baptized in water. Brother John Scalf did much of the preaching. Brothers John Stewart and Chandler Higgins also preached some.

A Church of God was set in order July 25 with fourteen members, five to come in later by transfer. A Sunday School was organized Aug. 2 by Brother Joe Colston with seventy-five present. After Sunday School he brought a wonderful message. Pray for our little church and Sunday School, also pray for me.—Mrs. Alcy Ritchie, clerk.

ZELLWOOD, Fla.—On July 12 Brother Searcy of Leesburg came over in his big camp car and pitched a battle

against sin and the devil. He and his wife did some good preaching and praying and the dear Lord blessed the entire church. There was some real fasting and praying. Nine were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and three added to the church by faith, two by transfer. The meeting closed July 2 with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. All pray for the church at Zellywood.—A brother in Christ, H. F. Harris.

CALHOUN, Ga.—A revival has just closed at Calhoun with Brothers Shelton Brock and George Langford in charge. With these two young men's good spiritual singing, string music, praying, and good messages sponsored by the Holy Ghost, and their consecrated lives to God and the coworking of the church, nineteen were saved, ten sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with about seventeen in the altar. Everybody pray for these two young men that they will stay on the battle field for God.—Your coworker in the Church of God, J. W. Heaton.

SALEM, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival which lasted only one week. God surely did bless. Brother Frank Rochester did the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. We feel the church has taken on new courage. Please pray that God will continue to bless.—Ralph Brewer, pastor.

DEERING, Mo. — Dear readers, I praise the Lord for our wonderful revival just closed. Brother Jim Maness did the preaching. Twenty-eight were saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water, and nine added to the church. Several were healed. Pray for me that I will be a living instrument in God's hand.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bertie Book, clerk.

CHESTER, S. C.—We just closed a revival at Chester, S. C. God blessed in this meeting. Brother and Sister Hanvey did the preaching and they did some wonderful preaching. Ten were saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church Saturday night at the close of the meeting. We will baptize about fifteen more soon, D. V. God is still blessing. We covet your prayers.—Yours in Jesus, J. C. Green, pastor, 220 Gadsden St.

We just closed a revival at Tomnolen and Eupora, Miss. (Mt. Olive and Pisgah Springs churches). To say the meetings were fine would be putting it mild.

I'm sure there are some of the finest people and some of the greatest workers for the Lord at these places. Their state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon, is a wonderful man of God. Fifteen were saved, twelve sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, seventeen added to the church, and seventeen baptized in water.—Z. D. Simpson, Carbon Hill, Ala.

ISABAN, W. Va.—A revival conducted by Brother W. E. Brewer came to a close Aug. 8 with six saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and six added to the Church of God. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. God met with us in a wonderful way. Please pray for this little church.—H. H. Tygart, pastor.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa.—We are glad to report victory here in Iowa in a new field for the Church of God. The reports show that the three churches here are loyal in reporting. The people here appreciate Brother J. M. Snyder, state overseer, for his untiring efforts to put the church on the map in Iowa. He is now here in Council Bluffs in a good revival. God is blessing. We trust Brother Snyder and his good wife can stay with us.—Ruth Nicely.

TARBORO, N. C.—I praise the Lord for our good revival which began July 18 and closed Aug. 2 conducted by Brother Isaac Henton. The Lord sent His great power and we had some wonderful services. It really was food for our souls. Seven were saved, four sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Henton conducted two services on the courthouse square. Good attention was shown by the audience each time. Even the sheriff of the town said this religion was real. We give God the honor and glory for the good that was accomplished and desire that each one might pray for the church in Tarboro that we will move on for the Lord and others may be brought into the fold of God before it's too late.—A sister in Christ, Thelma Hales.

DRAPER, N. C. — We have just closed a good revival in Draper with Brother W. H. Walker and his church. Brother Walker is a good pastor and has some good members that will work and pray. It was said that the largest crowds attended this revival that had ever attended a revival there before. We were glad to have Brother Miller from Landers, N. C. with his good music. Twenty-one were saved, nine sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The preaching was done by the writer.—

Ray Collins.

I have just closed a revival at Bluefield, Va. I had good meetings and the dear Lord did bless. I set a church in order Aug. 2, 1936 with eleven members. I covet the prayers of the entire church as I am working in new fields.—G. W. Barton, Rt. 1, Box 10, Pounding Mill, Va.

DECATUR, Ala.—About two weeks ago we had published in the Evangel that we were fixing to start a revival here at Decatur, Ala. with Brother Walker Willis doing the preaching and we asked for prayer that God would bring in many souls. On account of infantile paralysis here, we were asked by the State Health Department to stop Sunday School and all other services. We did not get to have a revival but there is a great revival spirit here yet.

We ask the saints everywhere to help us pray that God will open up the way here that we may have our services again. We also ask all who will to pray that God will help us in getting a lot and church building. Pray for us here at Decatur.—Lily Euline Lee, clerk.

NOTICES

There will be a home coming at Pratt City Church of God the first Sunday in September. Every member is expected to be with us on that date. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Neighboring churches, come on and enjoy the day with us. We expect to finish our mission quota.—M. D. Harwood, pastor, Pratt City, Ala.

A CHANGE.—There will be a home coming at West Hamlin instead of Hubball, W. Va. We are in a tent meeting at West Hamlin and decided to have our home coming there Aug. 30. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Pray for this tent meeting as this is a new place for the Church of God.—Dora Fenell, clerk, Branchland, W. Va.

We are having a good meeting here. I want all to pray a special prayer for my husband to get the Holy Ghost. Pray for me and my baby. Pray that many souls will be saved here.—Bernice Gentry, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

We are still in a revival at First Avenue and 78th St., East Lake, Birmingham, Ala. God has blessed and souls have prayed through. Please pray earnestly for God to save many more.—H. L. Kitchen, pastor, East Lake Church of God mission. Pray that God will give us a strong church here. My new address is 6504 3rd Ave., So., Birmingham, Ala.

NOTICES

WEST VIRGINIA CAMP GROUND

This notice will inform the ministers and members of the Church of God in West Virginia that a majority of the committee, as appointed by the ministers in ministers' meeting held at Beckley, April 3-5, for the purpose of selecting and purchasing a camp ground, finally selected a lovely knoll consisting of five acres, located at Beckley, W. Va.

The site overlooks this beautiful little mountain city and county-seat. It is situated about one mile or possibly one and a fourth miles from the court house and heart of the city. The altitude is about 2700 feet, up in the zephyr breezes, so refreshing and delightful. The view is magnificent both as to the city and surrounding communities. Looking north and east an open vision of possibly one hundred miles can be seen. We feel sure our people will be delighted with both the property and location as it is more conveniently located than any other town or city in the state, being readily accessible to the majority of our people.

FINANCE

We are now in need of three hundred and eighty dollars cash to complete the down payment. Ministers and exhorters who have not paid their assessment of two dollars imposed by committee on finance at ministers' meeting, please do so at once. Also churches which have not complied with requirements of above named committee, that each local church pay twenty-five cents per member, please raise your quota at once and mail to E. C. Clark, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va., treasurer of camp ground funds.

PLEDGES

During district conventions held in various parts of the state members and friends of the church subscribed certain donations which I have entered on record here. A few have paid but several hundred dollars remain unpaid. If at all possible, please mail us check or money order for the amount of your pledge, more if you will and wish, at once, so that funds as above mentioned can be provided immediately.

Part of the acreage has already been purchased and a down payment of seven hundred dollars made on it, however, a second section on which another party held an option must also be purchased for which negotiations have already been made, and which will be completed upon receipt of the above stated amount. Please do not fail us. We are depending on and trusting in you. Both the min-

isters and laity are aware of how badly better accommodations are needed for our state conventions with which we plan an annual camp meeting. Join us in prayer that God may provide funds incident to the prosecution of this work. —Faithfully, E. C. Clark, State Overseer.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All the annual report blanks were mailed out to the different church clerks last week and each church should have received one by this time. However, if some of the clerks or pastors did not receive said forms, please write us and we shall be glad to mail one immediately. Please remember that from these reports we gather our statistical report for the General Assembly and we hope that our pastors and clerks will heartily co-operate with us in this matter. — Respectfully, E. J. Boehmer, Gen. Sec. & Treas.

Church of God at Langley, S. C. Being Gloriously Blessed

We have just closed a successful revival at Langley, S. C. The dear Lord blessed wonderfully from the time the meeting started until the close. The altar was filled with hungry seekers every night. Thirty-five were saved, nineteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost. While the great revival fire was falling the Holy Ghost gave out several messages. The interpretations were given. The saints were greatly blessed and feel like pressing on and working harder. We certainly appreciated the help of the good saints from Augusta, Ga., Warrentonville, S. C., and Clearwater. We also had with us one night Brother R. P. Johnson and the Burnett sisters from Texas. They did some good singing, we enjoyed it so much.

I would like to make mention of a very old man who attended this revival. The tears would stream down his face when the messages were given. We would plead and insist on his coming to the altar. He would always say, "There's no use," but one night while the fire was falling and the Holy Ghost was working, this old man made his way to the altar and oh, such praying, crying, and calling on God. He wept his way through, was gloriously saved and sanctified. His face was shining with the glory of God. When he came up from the altar he was so happy. He said he waited almost too late to give his heart to God.

Brother Osbon certainly has a good work at Langley, they all love him.

They have an average of one hundred fifty in Sunday School, and a good Y. P. E. with fifty and sixty young folks in attendance. The church at Langley is one hundred per cent on everything. God is there, He is blessing in a wonderful way.

We closed the revival to attend the South Carolina state convention which was the best we have ever had in the state. We are now at Winnsboro in a revival and are expecting a great time in the Lord. You folks at Rock Hill, Chester, and Columbia are invited to come over and help us. We desire your prayers. — Humbly your sister, Pauline Jackson, c/o G. W. Cooper, Gen. Del., Winnsboro, S. C.

District S. S. Convention

GALAX, Va.—The New River district Sunday School convention was held July 19 at Shorts Creek Church of God. It was wonderful. There were three good programs, and Sheep Town Sunday School won the prize for having the best program. We had dinner on the ground with plenty to eat. Everybody enjoyed the day. The New River district Sunday Schools surely are progressing now.— John H. McCraw, Rt. 4, Box 95.

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Give Our Heavenly Father A Trial

POPLAR GROVE, Ark. — Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, deceivers and unsaved souls, when a little child I had diphtheria and infantile paralysis. My mother said she laid me back many times for dead, but as any loving mother, she kept praying that God would spare my life, and in His tender love and mercy He heard and answered her prayer. Praise His name! I was left a cripple. Dr. Cloudman of Oklahoma City, Okla. said that I would be a cripple for life, but there was a woman by the name of Mrs. Taylor who came and took me upon her lap and prayed a silent prayer. She said, "May the blood flow freely from the crown of her head to the tip of her toes." I felt a tingling all over my body and from that day until this I have been walking. Praise God!

My husband who had blood poison, which settled in his stomach, was healed when all doctors said there was nothing else they could do. So we know that when all earthly doctors fail, our doctor, whose name is God, will heal. If you are afflicted in any way and the doctors have given up and say they can't do anymore, just give our heavenly doctor a trial, for we know that there is nothing impossible with the Lord our God.

We need more real true Christians who are ready to stand by the Word of God no matter what comes. We should, as children of God, saved through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and washed in His precious life's blood, set an example for the poor souls who are adrift in this world. We should live lives so that when sinners see us they will say, "They are children of God, they are so full of happiness, peace, and love, and are always praising God." Then the sinner will say, "I wish I could be like them," and he will turn from the path of sin and seek our Savior. The only way you can be saved is to ask forgiveness for your sins, be washed in the blood of the Lamb, for unless you are born again, you cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Now to each of you who have gotten down to ask forgiveness for your sins and have been jerked up and made to confess you were a Christian before you had received God's blessings, and to you who have gone up and shaken hands with the preacher and had your name put on the church book and think you are saved, if you still have a desire to do the things of this world, if you don't have love for your enemies, if you don't have a desire to see lost souls brought to God, if you are not willing to give everything in this world to follow Jesus, you are not saved.

We received a letter from a friend who wanted us to pray for him to be saved. We prayed and wrote him a letter. The next letter we received he said he was a saved man. Praise God! We surely praised God to know that another soul had received Jesus Christ as their Savior.

My husband and I are saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and we can truly say God is the head of our home. We are mailing scripture calendars and tracts to many places, giving the Word to those who are too poor to give to God's cause, but are hungry to hear God's Word. So far we have received no offerings but our funds are running low as we have carried the work of God on ourselves.

We are praying for all unsaved souls, we know God hears and answers prayers. When Jesus knocks at your heart's door, let Him in. Love to my brothers and sisters in Christ and all sinner friends.— From a child of God, Mrs. Florence Burns, R. R. 1, Box 130.

EDITORIALS

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(John 14:16, 17).

"And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but *tarry ye* in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

FAITHFUL CROWNS

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perish at the grave. The crown of life offered to all faithful Christians in Rev. 2:10 is not to be compared to crowns of worldly praise, lust, and things that are not pertinent to our Christian lives.

The crown of glory as portrayed by 1 Peter 5:4 is worth more in a moment of time than all the ill crowns of corruption of a lifetime. Christian friends, let us stand up and quit ourselves like men, be faithful and wear that beautiful, immortal, unperishable, and unbreakable crown which is yet to come.

The Lord Blessing in North Carolina

I am glad to sound a note of praise for what God has done for us over here in North Carolina this year. Every department of the church has been booming. A great wave of glory has swept throughout the state, it seems. As I would visit the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's I could hardly leave because of such high evangelistic tide. This wonderful spirit prevailed in every church, I think. Surely, the Lord is prospering His people for the glorious coming of His dear Son. Praise God, I feel His divine

presence now.

God has blessed me with an opportunity to visit quite a few of the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's. They're all making wonderful headway with very few exceptions. I haven't visited them all but time and chance would not permit.

To you Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's that I haven't reached yet, please be patient until I get to your place. Remember I am your servant and stand ready to help you. Though I might not get to every church, I have you on my heart and am praying for you without ceasing. Yes, I feel sure that you are praying for me.

I've received many letters and cards from different parts of the state stating that God was wonderfully blessing these departments of their church. We give God the honor and glory.

Say Sunday School superintendents, Y. P. E. superintendents, and presidents, the Assembly will soon be here; not a minute to lose. Let's work, work, work! May God's smile and richest blessing ever abide in our midst.—Prayerfully, Max L. Atkins, S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent of North Carolina.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Pennsylvania State Camp Meeting
Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa.

Aug. 20-Sept. 6

C. H. BLANKENSHIP, Overseer

Southern Alabama Camp Meeting

Sunny South Church of God
Near Pine Hill, Ala., Aug. 21-30

G. C. DUNN, Overseer

State Convention

Kingston, Jam., B. W. I.
11 French St., New Town, Sept. 1-4
H. A. HUDSON, Overseer

Pennsylvania State Convention
(Colored)

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 30-Sept. 6
G. BYRD, Overseer

Maine State Convention

Appleton, Me., Sept. 3-7
H. W. POTEAT, Overseer

Alabama State Convention
(Colored work)

Sept. 10-13, Montevallo, Ala.
W. L. FORD, Overseer

Twelve Counsellors' Meeting
Cleveland, Tenn.

Sept. 17-27. 7:30 P. M.

Bishops' Council

Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sept. 29 (7:00 P. M.) to Oct. 2d.

General Assembly
Chattanooga, Tenn.
October 2-8

I'm Glad I Saw the Light

CHICKAMAUGA, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I would like to write every one of you and tell how much I love you, who have shown such an interest in my behalf, if it were possible.

I have been a semi-invalid for almost eight years and a great sufferer in body, having a badly injured heart, an affected thyroid, and other serious complications, which, for the past three years, have caused me to be almost helpless at times, for long periods. I was raised in a strict Methodist home, converted at the age of fourteen years, married at the age of eighteen, and a backslider for fifteen years or until God took my mother. This caused me to awaken and return to my Father's house and He gladly received me again. I was living what I thought to be a close godly life, sinning and begging forgiveness daily. My companion and I were regular church attendants, did what we could in our weak way. But all through these long years there was a constant tugging at my heart for something. I felt that there was a deeper work of grace.

My companion was converted when a young man and felt the call to great service, he said, but for some cause neglected and passed it up. We were struggling along, not very deeply interested in worldly things but not as strict as we should have been, spiritually speaking; tithing what we thought we could spare and laying up the rest for a "rainy day." We had a very comfortable little home, or thought we did, in Georgia and one in Florida. My husband was a construction man, drew a good salary and we were getting along nicely. We planned to live to be old and were saving in order to be independent. But alas, the collector came and to-day we realize that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Both homes are gone and only these frail bodies and souls are left through God's mercy. We were proud but now we are humble, thank God. The long illness on my part caused me to pray and read God's Word more.

Of course the suffering and agony forced us to have a housekeeper, who at first was a Church of God woman and a neighbor of ours. Bless her, I love her like a mother. This good woman never worried me about my religious belief. She was kind and quiet. Sometimes when I would be in such agony with pain she would kneel by my bedside and quietly beg the Lord to relieve the pain. I can't remember ever saying many hard things about the holiness people but at the same time I never had anything good to say about them. We tried to be loyal to our church and we had no time to spare elsewhere. But God opened my eyes and showed me the light. My heart became

burdened more for that "something," and the more I read and prayed, the hungrier I got. I was suffering terribly and did not seem to improve from taking medicine. I was in despair and so hungry for more of God's love.

There was a revival going at a little holiness mission near us and the sister that was with us would go and then tell me about the meetings and about some one being prayed for for healing. I couldn't walk and I knew they would do me no harm, so I asked her if she thought they would come and pray for me. She had them come on Sunday afternoon. They prayed the prayer of faith and Monday morning I got out of bed and walked. Praise God forever!

I was not entirely healed but God touched my body. Later I was very sick, was under the doctor's care. The saints would pray and I would get better. Finally in June of this year I became very sick. I wrote Brothers Waldron Asher and Albert Teaster, having seen their notices in the Evangel. Both sent anointed handkerchiefs, also one was received from a sister in Florida, all about the same time. They were applied in Jesus' name. In the meantime there had been a request for prayer made to three churches and I received a second definite touch. This was God's work, for I was trusting Him. All I know to do is give Him the glory. Oh, I feel His presence now. I am able to be up and do light work some of the time and can go into the yard.

Last summer I was sanctified and I am a member of the Church of God and am seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I suffer much in body yet but I know God can heal. Saints everywhere,

pray for my complete healing, but oh, pray earnestly that I may receive the baptism. Pray that I may get able to go to church. God's people are so good to come and minister, but I crave so much to go to church. Also pray that my faith may be increased and that I can trust Jesus.

To-day while suffering I was tempted to write a doctor for advice and something seemed to say, "Write the Evangel." I'm trying to obey the still, small voice and be guided by His Spirit.

As it is impossible for me to write all my friends in the different states, I trust this will be sufficient at present. If it is not God's will to ever meet you in this world, I am struggling to meet you in the glory land. I'm still not able to get out much and if any one feels impressed to write or send reading matter (I get the Evangel) it would be appreciated and bring joy to my soul. I am told that the saints all over the United States are praying for me. Pray on, dear people, surely God will answer. May God richly bless you is my humble prayer, especially Brothers Jas. Jeffery, Wm. Pirkle and his dear wife and others of Chattanooga, Tenn. They are so faithful.

I trust that my experience may help some to learn sooner than we did that it will pay in the end to trust Jesus and "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." I'm so glad my eyes were opened. Pray for the health of my companion and that he may seek salvation in its fulness. He is saved. Pray that we both will go all the way. The opposing powers are great. Pray that I may be a full overcomer.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. F. C. Campbell, Gen. Del., Chickamauga, Ga.

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